

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Leonard Guarente et al.                      Art Unit : 1645  
Serial No. : 09/461,580                                      Examiner : R. Zeman  
Filed : December 15, 1999                                  Conf. No. : 3988  
Title : METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH ALTER HISTONE  
              PROTEIN ACETYLATION, DECREASE AGING, INCREASE LIFESPAN

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Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 17, 2006, be extended for two months to and including January 17, 2007.

The fee in the amount of \$225 for the extension of time is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket no. 13407-016001.

Respectfully submitted,

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